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LOK SABHA

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EDUCATION IN STATE LIST
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to bring back Education to the State List from the concurrent list;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) the number of All India Councils set up so far; and

(d) the functions of these councils?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PROF. RITA VERMA)

(a) No, Sir.

(b) The constitutional Amendment of 1976, which included Education in the Concurrent List, requires a new sharingof responsibility between the Union Government and the States in respect of education. While the role and responsibility of the States in regard to education remains essentially unchanged, the Union Government has accepted a larger responsibility to reinforce the national and integrative character of education; to maintain quality and standards (including those of the teaching professional at all levels); to study and monitor the educational requirements of the country as a whole in regard to manpower for development; to cater to the needs of research and advanced study; to look after the international aspects of education, culture and Human Resource Development; and, in general, to promote excellence at all levels of the educational pyramid throughout the country. Concurrency signifies a partnership, which is at once meaningful and challenging; the National Policy is oriented towards giving effect to it in letter and spirit.

(c) & (d): This Ministry administers 12 All India /National Councils in the education sector. The details regarding their functions etc. are available in the Annual Report of the Ministry